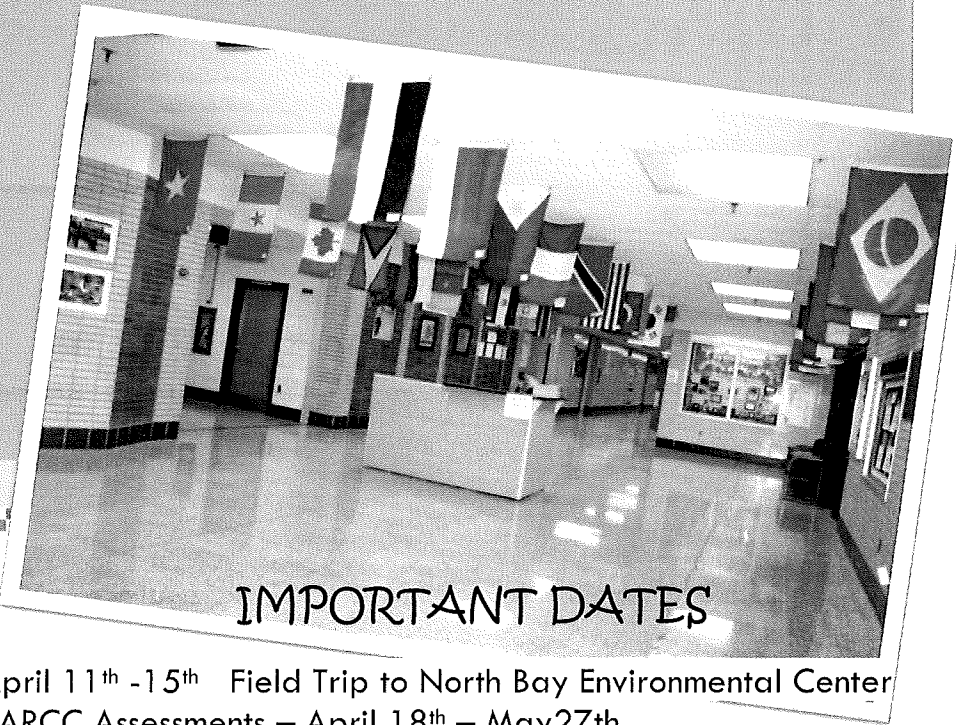


NEWS FOR YOU

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello All,

This school year has been wonderful! Spring brings with it standardized testing as the calendar below indicates. I'd like to explain PARCC testing since this is the first year that your child's results will count in their permanent record. Sincerely, Mrs. Fadli



IMPORTANT DATES

April 11th -15th Field Trip to North Bay Environmental Center
 PARCC Assessments – April 18th – May 27th
 Scholastic Reading Inventory May 16th – June 3rd
 Scholastic Math Inventory 7th grade & Geometry – May 16th –
 June 3rd -
 HSA Biology (online) – May 23rd – June 10th

KENMOOR Middle School has great students involved in a variety of programs and activities: eCybermission, Destination Imagination, debate team, basketball, National Junior Honor Society, soccer, Student Government, robotics, cricket, Science Bowl, technology & environmental clubs and much more so plan to participate! And parents..... please join and participate in our PTA.

Kenmoor Middle School FUN FACTS:

867 students

64 teachers

123 employees in total

Clean to Stay Green!

During the 2015/2016 school year, seventh grade students have been participating in an environmental education lesson funded in part by a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust Foundation. Students have been assessing, evaluating, observing, and collecting data about the Cattail Branch stream located adjacent to the Kenmoor Middle School campus. On Earth Day 2016, Kenmoor teacher Mrs. Sowers and Principal, Mrs. Fadli led students and Cub Scout troop # in a clean-up event at the our tributary adjacent to Kenmoor MS. There were some surprising "finds" in our stream---tires, plastic bottles, trash and other contaminants which were thankfully removed. Thanks to all.



On Wednesday May 11, 50 special education students went to the Bowie Baysox for S.T.E.M day. Students got to participate in different activities that high school students across Prince George's County had created or learned about. Then the students got to sit and watch the baseball game. Two of our students got to participate in a lacrosse toss competition at the end of the 6th inning. Sadly the Baysox lost 6-4 but all of the students had a great time The 2016 Bowie Baysox STEM Days are April 13th and May 11th. Baysox mascot Louie and his friends will help your students participate in fun and educational activities covering math, science, history, fitness and much more



Mr. John Farris Interview: by Aria Bilal



Mr. Farris is currently a 7th grade English teacher at Kenmoor. Mr. Farris has been a teacher for 7 years during which time he has taught 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Mr. Farris has the unique ability to teach and reach students of all capabilities and has taught both special education and talented and gifted classes. According to Mr. Farris, his proudest teaching moment was when he heard that a former student of his had finished high school and was going to college. He sights this as one of his “proudest” moments because he was challenged to use various methods to tech this student who was usually exhibiting off task behavior, and the students’ teaching team worried that he might not finish high school, not to mention entering a college. From this writer’s perspective, Mr. Farris engages students by encouraging them to have meaningful conversations while being able to explain their opinions. Mr. Farris says that the toughest challenge educators face is “keeping children interested in the subject matter>” Thanks for doing just that Mr. Farris!

KMS is a Recy-Cool School

By: Jordan Coleman

Did you know that Kenmoor Middle School (KMS) has an active school wide recycling program? In the beginning of the school year, Kenmoor was throwing all trash in trash cans and wasting all of it's recyclable items. Trash cans were overflowing! Through hard and diligent work, *Recycling Team Members*: Staci, Angelina, Kendall, Julia, Jonathan, Fanta and and the *Friday Recycling Team Collection Leaders*: Jordan, Isaiah and Bryce started a weekly recycling program at KMS.

Recycling at KMS is simple and effective! Every Friday staff or students put recycling bins or boxes outside of their office or classroom door and members of the recycling team come to collect the recyclable materials. You can see them around the building pushing the big blue recycling containers. We need your help! We want to recycle more and throw away less!

You can help improve the recycling program by putting all recyclable items in your class recycling bins instead of the trash. Here is a list of items that can be recycled:

Paper: office paper, shredded paper in a closed plastic bag and colored paper

Cardboard : Cardboard boxes (flattened) and empty milk/juice cartons and juice boxes (remove straw)

Plastic: Empty plastic bottles and caps, plastic drink cups, empty plastic fruit and salad cups and lids (not clamshell containers with hinged lid)

Metal: Empty metal food and beverage containers and lids. Clean aluminum foil, aluminum pie pans, empty metal cans (for soup, vegetable, fruit, etc.)

Glass: Empty food and beverage containers of any color

If your class recycling bin gets full before Friday, please take it to the recycling dumpster!

Here are some interesting facts about recycling!

- Everyday Americans buy 62 million newspapers and throw out 44 million. That's the equivalent of dumping 500,000 trees into a landfill every week.
- One tree can filter up to 60 pounds of pollutants from the air each year.
- Enough energy is saved by recycling one aluminum can to run a TV set for three hours or to light one 100 watt bulb for 20 Hours.

Composting is part of the recycling program. This year sixth graders are learning to compost at lunchtime. They are part of a collaborative program with PGCPs Camp Schmidt. The compost is used to fertilize the soil in the garden area of the courtyard. Our goal for next year is to expand the composting program to seventh and eighth grade lunches!



U-SPEAK

An interview with Justin Scalo

At Kenmoor MS we like to hear from students so reporter Jonathan Altman interviewed 7th grader Justin Scalo:

“Jonathan: What makes a good teacher?”

Justin: a teacher should be kind and not rude

Jonathan: What makes a good student?

Justin: Students should not be rude to their peers and teachers and shouldn't do too many troubling things; students should also be silent and pay attention in class

Jonathan: What is peer pressure and how is it dangerous?

Justin: It is “people telling their peers what to do. It is dangerous because you may regret doing something.”

Jonathan : My last question is – who would you want to be one of your teachers at school?

Justin: I would want Usain Bolt , a famous Jamaican runner as the PE teacher because he is one of the most well know runners in the world.

National Junior Honor Society

Drum roll please....introducing your official Spring 2016 NJHS Induction Candidates:



1. Nathan Addai

2. Ifeoluwa Adedoyin

3. Adeola Adetimehin

4. Leo Bangura

5. Kathryn Biddle

6. Lauryn Burwell

7. Austin Calloway

8. Mawa Clarke

9. Jordan Coleman

10. Iseah Feres

11. Austin Luu

12. Destiny McWilliams

13. Damani Miller

14. Ryan Morales

15. Kaelen Okenwa

16. Mikayla Powell

17. Meliza Puestas-Montoya

18. Henry Renze

19. Abigail Serrano

20. Christian Souvenir

21. John Studgeon, III

22. Paul Wampler

23. Sierra Warren

24. Latreil Wimberly

SUPER KMS STAFF INTERVIEW



Natalie L. Stephenson is a career educator. A native New Yorker, she always had aspirations to be a teacher and leader. She attended the University of Buffalo for her undergraduate and first graduate degrees, where she was first certified as a professional educator. Years later, she would earn a second graduate degree in School Administration from Trinity University in Washington, DC.

Started in Prince George's County Public Schools in 1992 after already working at the high school level in New York State two years prior. She has been a veteran faculty member at Kenmoor Middle School since 1992.

Her professional certification is in English education from the secondary to post secondary, college levels. In addition, she holds a certificate in Arts Integration. As an advocate of the arts, she believes that the arts can teach, especially when it concerns building literacy skills.

Two of the highlights of her career have been receiving the Prince George's County Outstanding Educator Award, as well as The Washington Post Outstanding Educator Award for Prince George's County. In addition to her career in Prince George's County Public Schools, she is also a tenured faculty member at Montgomery College. Ms. Stephenson is very passionate about literacy; this is evidenced by her dedicated service in literacy leadership as the First Vice President of the State of Maryland International Reading Association Council.

Her teaching philosophy is that ALL people can learn.